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PROCESSING JOINED SURFACE OF STEEL MEMBER  
AND REINFORCING MEMBER

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Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the prior art cited in the parent application, serial no. 09/622,884. Also enclosed is a copy of Form PTO-1449.

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and an early examination on the merits are respectfully solicited. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 have previously been cited in the corresponding parent application, U.S. Pat. Appln. Ser. No. 09/622,884 filed August 23, 2000.

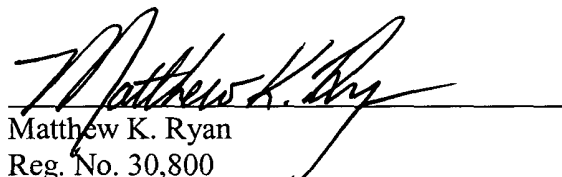
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A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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